To Stevan Kvenvold, City Council Members, Mr. Sheehan, and other involved parties:

My name is Heather Anderton and I live at 5526 Longboat Rd. NW. We moved here from Aberdeen, South Dakota last August. We had a difficult time finding a home in Rochester that we liked and could afford. We were excited to purchase this home. It is an enclosed neighborhood with no "through" traffic. We felt it was a good place for our young family.

I want to tell you about the neighborhood. Many of the young kids play hockey in the street at night. Wouldn't we rather have them there than out causing trouble somewhere? The proposed street would bring that to an end quickly. The lot across the street from our house, where your proposed street would be, is the neighborhood park. Kids fly kites, play ball, pick dandelions, play tag, etc. there. Do you really want to take that away from them? For what purpose? What is a street going through there going to bring? More traffic, more noise, less freedom for the kids. Does anyone who lives in these two neighborhoods want this street? Have you gone out and talked to any of us?

I am very strongly opposed to this connection. I have no quarrel with the 55th Street Estates homeowners. We choose this neighborhood because of its lack of "through "traffic. We like it this way. Our children like it this way. Please do not put a street through the neighborhood "park"; it would forever negatively alter the wonderful quality of life here in the Harborage. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Mr. Randall Anderton 5526 Longboat Rd. NW Rochester, MN 55901-5802



Memo

To: Stevan Kvenvold

From: Richard W. Freese

Date: 5/29/2003

Re: 55th Street NW (CSAH 22) and TH 52 West Frontage Road Traffic Signal Installation

Background Information:

Over the course of the past 15 years the City Council and the County Board have discussed the merits of providing an internal city street connection between the Harborage and 55th Street Estates Subdivisions. The County Board and Cascade Township have insisted that this local street connection (Villa Road) should be constructed to conform to the West Circle Drive access management guidelines formulated in the 1980s. The Harborage Subdivision was platted in 1984 with a 70-foot wide right-of-way named Villa Road extending west from Longboat Road NW. To date this 113-foot long section of city street has not been constructed. The City Council has maintained that the Harborage neighborhood's concern for increased traffic in their neighborhood primarily from North Park residents did not warrant the inter-neighborhood connection and the associated circulation benefits. Last year the City annexed the 55th Street Estates subdivision after it had become surrounded by recent annexations to the north.

Housing development exploded during the 1990s in this area of northwest Rochester and the traffic volumes have increased significantly. West Circle Drive has been completed and additional commercial retail development has occurred in the area generating more traffic. The traffic had grown to the point that in1998 the traffic volumes and delays at the intersection of 55th Street NW and the TH 52 West Frontage Road (TH 52 WFR) met the warrants for the installation of a traffic signal to control the traffic movements at this intersection. The County retained the City to have the traffic signal designed for the intersection of 55th Street NW and the TH 52 WFR. The design was completed in June 1998, but the County Engineer would not sign the construction plans as provisions for the connection of the two subdivisions had not been agreed to by the City Council.

In July 1998 the City and County Public Works and Administration staff reached an agreement on how to end this stalemate. The staff agreed to recommend to the County Board and City Council that the County Engineer would sign the traffic signal construction plans if the City and Cascade Township would enter into an agreement to construct their respective share of the Villa Road connection between the two subdivisions within 5 years of the of the installation of the traffic signal. If the City or Township failed to construct the connection the County would be empowered to construct the connection and collect engineering and construction costs from the City or Township.

At a joint meeting of the City Council and County Board on May 23, 2000 they both agreed to proceed with the signalization of the intersection of 55th Street NW and the TH 52 WFR provided the City and Cascade Township would enter into an agreement to construct their respective share of the connection between the two subdivisions within 5 years (September 2005) of the of the installation of the traffic signal. The County Board took formal action on this matter at its June 13, 2000 Board Meeting and unanimously approved the Signal Agreement with the completion date for the connection of Villa Road by September 2001. The City Council took formal action on this matter at its June 19, 2000 Council

Meeting and unanimously approved the Signal Agreement with no specified completion date for the Villa Road connection.

In preparing the Request For Proposals for the TH 52 Design Build Project, MnDOT proposed to the City and County the construction of a temporary traffic signal at the intersection of 55th Street NW and the TH 52 WFR. MnDOT and City staff felt that during the closure of certain TH 52 access ramps at 55th Street and the 37th / 41st Street interchanges that the detour traffic would need to use the already congested intersection of 55th Street NW and the TH 52 WFR. MnDOT was willing to pay 100% of the cost of the temporary signal (\$75,000) or provide that same amount of funding towards the cost of a permanent traffic signal (\$200,000). The County indicated to MnDOT and the City that unless the City agreed to the connection of Villa Road the County would not issue a permit to MnDOT for the construction of the temporary or permanent signal nor participate in the cost of constructing a permanent traffic signal. The provision in the TH 52 Design Build RFP for the temporary traffic signal was removed by MnDOT addendum from the RFP and is therefore not included in the cost proposal submitted by Zumbro River Construction (ZRC) for the TH 52 Design Build Project.

Current Situation:

ZRC has prepared and MnDOT has approved traffic detour signing plans for the closure of each of the TH 52 interchange access ramps for the entire TH 52 Project. Per the provisions in the TH 52 RFP, ZRC cannot close access from two adjacent interchanges at the same time. The detour plans for the closure of the following intersection ramps will route traffic on the West Frontage Road between 55th Street and 41st Street and through the intersection of 55th Street NW and the TH 52 WFR:

- 1. 55th Street NW ramp to TH 52 Northbound CLOSED for 5 days
- 2. TH 52 Southbound ramp to 55th Street NW CLOSED for 5 days
- 3. TH 52 Northbound ramp to 55th Street NW CLOSED for 5 days
- 4. 55th Street NW ramp to TH 52 Southbound CLOSED for 5days
- 5. TH 52 Southbound ramp to 41st / 37th Street NW CLOSED for 10 days
- 6. TH 52 Northbound ramp to 37th / 41st Street NW CLOSED for 5 days

In addition, the following detours route traffic onto West Circle Drive and through the intersection of 55th Street NW and the TH 52 WFR:

- 7. TH 52 Southbound ramp to Civic Center Drive CLOSED for one (1) construction season
- 8. TH 52 Southbound ramp to TH 14 Westbound CLOSED for 6 weeks
- 9. TH14 / Civic Center Drive ramps to TH52 Northbound CLOSED for one (1) construction season

4-Way stop signs were suggested as an alternative during the shorter duration ramp closures 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8 as listed above, but the County indicated to MnDOT that they would not issue a permit for a 4-way stop on 55th Street (CSAH 22).

The County Engineer has indicated that if a traffic signal is to be installed at the intersection of 55th Street NW and the TH 52 WFR the signal should be permanent and not temporary. The City and County would each pay 50% of the cost of the estimated \$200,000 project. MnDOT is no longer willing to participate in funding a share of this signal, either as a temporary or permanent installation.



Recommendation:

The public safety issues and concerns at this intersection of 55th Street NW and the TH 52 WFR have been documented at previous City Council Meetings. The traffic volumes, delays and congestion continue to increase and will become significantly problematic during seven (7) of the above mentioned TH 52 ramp closures.

City staff recommend that the City Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Signal Agreement with the County for the construction of a traffic signal at the intersection of 55th Street NW and the TH 52 WFR in 2003 and construction by the City of Villa Road between the Harborage and 55th Street Estates Subdivisions by September 2004. Funding for the City share (\$100,000) of the signal project to come from Municipal State Aid and funding for the Villa Road connection (\$70,000 estimate) to be included in the 2004 Budget.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT 2122 CAMPUS DR SE ROCHESTER MN 55904-4744 507/285-8231

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Commissioner Jean Michaels

Commissioner Matt Flynn

County Administrator Richard Devlin

Associate County Administrator Mary Callier

FROM:

Public Works Director Mike Cousino

DATE:

July 15, 1998

SUBJECT:

Traffic Signal at 55th Street NW - Clearwater Road - West Frontage Road

Villa Road extension – 55th Street Estates – Harborage

On July 12, 1998, Steve Kvenvold, Richard Freese, Richard Devlin, Charlie Reiter, Mike Sheehan, and I met to review options to extending Villa Road from the 55th Street Estates subdivision to the Harborage subdivision. Residents of the 55th Street Estates have petitioned Cascade Town Board to request that Villa Road be extended to the east so they would have access to the proposed traffic signals at 55th Street NW and Clearwater Road (Harborage Subdivision) and the West Frontage Road to T.H. 52. Presently the residents of 55th Street Estates that wish to go east on 55th Street from their subdivision must go west through the Northpark Subdivision to get access at 55th Street and West Circle Drive intersection or make a right hand turn from Chateau Road and make a U-turn at the 55th Street NW and West Circle Drive intersection.

Several options were reviewed: (1) Extend the north Frontage Road through the Presbyterian church property to Villa Road; (2) add a new north south road from Villa Road to new intersection on 55th Street and median opening; (3) align the Chateau Road intersection with the commercial driveway and signalize the intersection; (4) open Villa Road for east bound traffic only with a traffic diverter; (5) open Villa Road in five years.

The group recommended that the County Board authorize the County Engineer to approve the traffic signals at 55th Street and Clearwater Road/West Frontage Road and fund half the cost of design and construction and that a three party agreement be made between the City of Rochester, Cascade Township, and Olmsted County to construct and open Villa Road within five years of the traffic signal installation (i.e. 2004 construction season). The City and Township would pay their proportionate share of the Villa Road improvement costs within their jurisdiction. County staff will draft a three-way agreement.



The Public Works Committee will review the recommendation on July 28th. If the Public Works Committee approves the recommendation the County Board will consider action at the August 11th meeting.

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REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

MEETING

6/19/00

DATE:

AGENDA SECTION: REPORTS and RECOMMENDATIONS		ORIGINATING DEPT: Public Works	ITEM NO. F-2
ITEM DESCRIPTION:	Traffic Signal Agreement with Oln TH 52 West Frontage Road	nsted County at CSAH 22 and	PREPARED BY:

The intersection of CSAH 22 (West Circle Drive) and the TH 52 West Frontage Road meets the warrants for a traffic signal. On May 23, 2000, the Olmsted County Board and the City Council met to discuss the signal justification and schedule for installation. Traffic volumes and accompanying delays have increased at this unsignalized intersection. Several new businesses have openned in the Northwest Plaza in the last year. Wal Mart has received approval from the City Council to enlarge the store in the Northwest Plaza by approximately 100,000 square feet in size this year.

The north leg of this intersection is Clearwater Road and serves the Harborage Subdivision. The Harborage Subdivision Plat approved by the City Council provides a dedicated public right-of-way for an extension of Villa Road to connect to the adjacent 55th Street Estates Subdivision. This connection between the two subdivisions was never constructed by the subdivision developer. The plan for West Circle Drive reflects this connection as a part of the overall traffic management and circulation plan for the residential zoned land north of CSAH 22 and 55th Street NW.

County and City staff have discussed this situation for many years and recently reached a compromise solution that was presented to the joint County Board and City Council meeting on May 23, 2000. The compromise proposed would provide for the County's approval to immediately proceed with the installation of the warranted traffic signal at CSAH 22 and the TH 52 West Frontage Road intersection this year in exchange for the City agreeing to construct the Villa Road connection between the Harborage and 55th Street Estates Subdivisions by September 2005. If the Villa Road connection is not constructed by September 2005, then the County is authorized to proceed with the construction of the Villa Road connection and have the City pay the actual cost for engineering and construction.

This same compromise was introduced to the County Board on June 13, 2000. The County Board amended the County staff recommendation and on a 7-0 vote approved the Traffic Signal Agreement with the completion date for the connection of Villa Road being September 2001.

The September 2001 date is not realistic for several reasons. The first reason is the fact that the 55th Street Estates subdivision is not in the City and the timeline for annexation of the subdivision has not been discussed with Cascade Township. The second reason is that funding for the next several years for street maintenance projects and reconstruction projects will fall short of existing and projected needs The construction of this new segment of roadway would mean that a series of existing City street projects would need to be delayed over the next 5 years. City staff was in agreement with the 2005 timeline because it allowed the City to work with Cascade Township on the annexation issue and it would also allow some additional time to schedule that project in the City's Street Program Budget.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED:

Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Traffic Signal Agreement with Olmsted County for the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of CSAH 22 and the TH 52 West Frontage Road and for the construction of the extension of Villa Road between Chateau Road and Longboat Road by September 2005.

COUNCIL ACTION: Motion by:	Second by:	to:

RECORD OF OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CITY OF ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA Regular Adjourned Meeting No. 12 – June 19, 2000

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		Councilmembers Senjem moved, Stobaugh seconded, to instruct the City Attorney to prepare draft Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order to be brought back to the Council at the July 5, 2000, council meeting and which approved General Development Plan #151 by Frank Kottschade to be known as the "40 th Street" General Development Plan with nine conditions. Ayes (6), Nays (1). Motion carried. Councilmember Hanson voted nay.	
	E-10	A Continued Hearing on Zoning District Amendment #00-04 by Frank Kottschade to rezone land from R-1 to R-2 located along the south side of 40 th Street S.W., east of 11 th Avenue S.W.	
		Wishing to be heard was John Arnold, Dunlap and Seeger, representing the applicant, Franklin Kottschade. The request for an R-2 zoning change was passed unanimously by the Planning Commission. The Planning staff has requested that an R-1x zoning be considered; he noted that his client is requesting the R-2 because it gives more flexibility to the developer to develop in a conventional style rather than a townhome. The difference is in density and sideyard setbacks	
		Having no one further wishing to be heard, President Hunziker closed the hearing.	
		Councilmembers Senjem moved, Evans seconded, to approve Zoning District Amendment #00-04 by Frank Kottschade to rezone land from R-1 to R-2 with the Findings as noted in the Request for Council Action on pages 335 and 336. Ayes (7), Nays (0). Motion carried.	
İ	E-11	A Hearing on the Mass Transit Program of Projects.	
		Having no one wishing to be heard, President Hunziker closed the hearing.	
		Councilmembers Stobaugh moved, Marcoux seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 431-00 approving the submission of an application to the U.S. Department of Transportation/Federal Transit Administration for financial assistance for 2000 Operations. Ayes (7), Nays (0). Motion carried.	
	F-1	Councilmembers Senjem moved, Stobaugh seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 432-00 supporting the use of the 2001 housing tax credits and will consider the use of "pay as you go" tax increment financing for the 28 unit rental townhomes that are part of the Valley Side Estates Development subject to adoption of a tax increment financing plan after the required hearing. Ayes (7), Nays (0). Motion carried.	
	F-2	Councilmember McConnell stated that this item should be a public hearing to receive input from affected individuals. He said that ten years ago the County proposed a traffic signal at CSAH 22 and TH52 West Frontage Road. He asked that the Council approve the traffic signal and later consider the traffic problem for better alternatives. This issue needs to be resolved by the City.	
		Councilmembers Senjem moved, Hanson seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 433-00 executing a Traffic Signal Agreement with Olmsted County for the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of CSAH 22 and the TH 52 West Frontage Road	

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	4	without any condition calling for the construction of the extension of Villa Road between Chateau Road and Longboat Road by September 2005. Ayes (7), Nays (0). Motion carried.
	F-3	Councilmembers Hanson moved, Marcoux seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 434-00 approving the Settlement Agreement with Western Walls and the agreement with Lessee and Western Walls in settlement of the Cascade Lake condemnation case. Ayes (7), Nays (0). Motion carried.
	G-2a	An Ordinance Rezoning Certain Property From the R-1 District to the R-2 District, and Amending Ordinance No. 2785, Known as the Zoning Ordinance and Land Development Manual of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, was given a first reading.
	G-3a	An Ordinance Rezoning Certain Property From the R-1 District to the R-2 District, and Amending Ordinance No. 2785, Known As the Zoning Ordinance and Land Development Manual of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, was given a second reading. Councilmembers moved, seconded, to adopt the Ordinance as read. Ayes (7), Nays (0). Motion carried. (South of 60 th Street S.W., West of Highway 63)
	G-3b	An Ordinance Crating and Enacting Chapter 45B of the Rochester Code of Ordinances, Relating to the Regulation of Parks and Parkways in the City of Rochester, and Repealing Chapter 45 of the Rochester Code of Ordinances. was given a second reading. Councilmembers moved, seconded, to adopt the Ordinance as read. Ayes (7), Nays (0). Motion carried.
	G-3c	An Ordinance Creating and Enacting Chapter 48 of the Rochester Code of Ordinances, Relating to the Regulation of Tall Grass and Weeds, and Repealing Sections 72.07, 72.08 and 72.09 of the Rochester Code of Ordinances, was given a second reading. Councilmembers moved, seconded, to adopt the Ordinance as read. Ayes (7), Nays (0). Motion carried.
	G-2b	An Ordinance Creating and Enacting Section 66.101 of the Rochester Code of Ordinances, Relating to the Adoption of an Interim Ordinance Regulating the Placement of Telecommunications Facilities in Residential Zoning Districts Within the City, was given a first reading.
	l-a	Phil Wheeler, Planning Department called the Council's attention to page 257 of the agenda and a letter from Jeff Broberg to Frank Kottschade. County Public Works staff conducted a meeting with the County and the Township. No City or Planning staff were in attendance. They asked the Township for the information that had been released at the meeting.
		The meeting was recessed for 15 minutes to allow the City Attorney time to prepare the moratorium ordinance.
		Meeting resumed.
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